

provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If any of the existing concessionaires does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the permit will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

David N. Given,

*Acting Field Director, Midwest Field Area.*

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### **Proposal To Award Concession Permits; Public Notice**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award twenty (20) concession permits authorizing continued operation of canoe, inner tube, and johnboat rentals, merchandise stores, woodlots, hot showers and related services for the public of Ozark National Scenic Riverways for a period of five (5) years and will expire December 31, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 16, 1996.

**ADDRESS:** Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, P.O. Box 490, Van Buren, Missouri 63965, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permits.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These permit renewals have been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessionaires have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under existing permits which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1994/95, and therefore pursuant to the

provisions of section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), each existing concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the permit and in the negotiation of a new permit, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the permit will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Edward D. Carlin,

*Acting Field Director, Midwest Area.*

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### **Proposal To Award Concession Contracts; Public Notice**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award eleven concession contracts authorizing continued operation of commercially guided, interpretive whitewater river tours, for the public at Dinosaur National Monument for a period of five (5) years from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 15, 1996.

**ADDRESS:** Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Dinosaur National Monument, 4545 Highway 40, Dinosaur, Colorado 81610, to obtain a copy of the Prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contracts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the

procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under existing permits which expire by limitation of time on December 31, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), are entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract, and in the award of a new contract providing that the existing concessioner submit a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by an existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner. If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer. The Secretary will consider and evaluate all offers received as a result of this notice.

Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent, Dinosaur National Monument, 4545 Highway 40, Dinosaur, Colorado 81610, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: June 4, 1996.

Linda L. Stoll,

*Acting Superintendent, Colorado Plateau System Support Office.*

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### **Concession Permits Awarded for Buffalo National River, AR**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award eight (8) concession permits authorizing continued operation of johnboat rental, shuttle and guide services for the public at Buffalo National River for a period of five (5) years from December 1, 1996, through November 30, 2001.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 16, 1996.